

# Engvall Family Land Donation Proposal

To Grafton Town Meeting

June 20, 2020

## ■ The Proposal

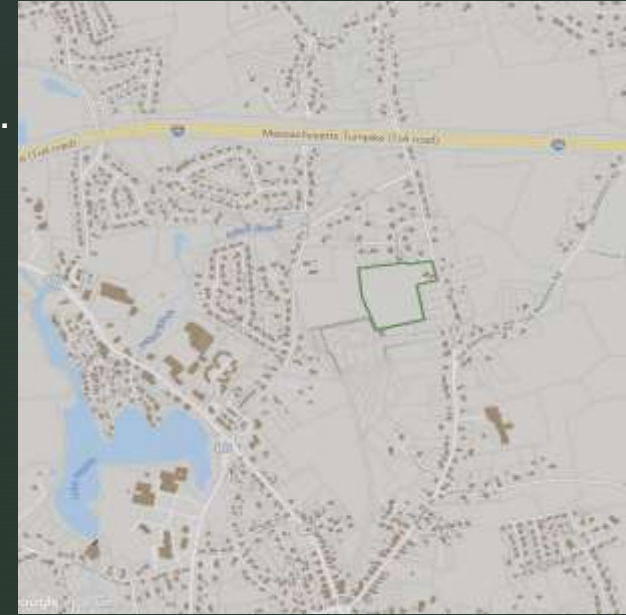
- The Engvall Family proposes for the consideration of the Town of Grafton our donation of approximately 17 acres of agricultural land and woodlot to the Town of Grafton, at no purchase cost to the Town. We envision that a deed restriction, to be monitored by the Grafton Land Trust, would be placed on these 17 acres. This land would be preserved as open space and wildlife habitat . Also, the public would have access to the land for passive recreation using multi-use trails.

# Rough Sketch of Proposal



# Advantages to the Citizens of Grafton

- Preserves open space in a rapidly-growing community.
- Creates passive recreational opportunities via multi-use trails and paths.
  - Walking
  - Jogging
  - Biking
  - Birdwatching
  - cross-country skiing
  - Other, similar activities
- Two environmental firms have reported that former orchard land is best suited for open space and passive recreation.
- Preserves habitat for many types of plants and wildlife.
- Provides opportunities for Scout projects.
- Land is being donated to the Town of Grafton.





# The land was farmed by the Ainsworth family for four generations

- Vegetable farm



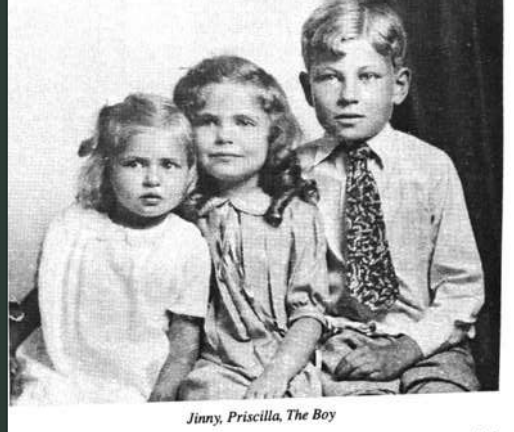
- Apple and peach orchard



- Christmas tree farm



## Virginia Ainsworth Engvall (1930-2019)



*Jinny, Priscilla, The Boy*

- Lifelong resident of Grafton.
- Spent her life at her beloved Farm.
- Was proud of her farmer heritage.
- She truly hoped that the Farm would not be used for development.
- Wanted to give back to the town that she loved.
- As her family, we are trying to honor her wishes by donating the remaining 17 acres of the Farm to the Town of Grafton.



# Thank you



Virginia Ainsworth Engvall's family